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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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International application No. PCT/US 00/ 20674	International filing date (day/month/year) 27/07/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 27/07/1999
Applicant THE SALK INSTITUTE FOR BIOLOGICAL STUDIES		

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1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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2. ☒ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

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☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C12N15/29 C12N15/54 C12N9/10 C12Q1/48

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, EMBL, BIOSIS, MEDLINE, EMBASE

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	JEZ J M ET AL.: "Structure of chalcone synthase and the molecular basis of plant polyketide biosynthesis." FASEB JOURNAL. MEETING INFO.: ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETIES FOR EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY ON BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY 99 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, USA MAY 16-20, 1999, vol. 13, no. 7, 23 April 1999 (1999-04-23), page A1392 XP002158823	1,6,7, 12-14, 16,17, 22-39
Y	abstract 355 ---	13,15, 18,22, 25, 29-31, 34-36
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X	DATABASE PDB 'Online! ID 1BI5, 22 June 1999 (1999-06-22) FERRER J-L ET AL.: "Chalcone synthase from Alfalfa" XP002158822 cited in the application	1,6,7, 12-14, 16,17, 22-39
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Y	--- RAIBER S ET AL.: "Molecular and enzymatic characterization of two stilbene synthases from Eastern white pine (Pinus strobus). A single Arg/His difference determines the activity and the pH dependence of the enzymes." FEBS LETT., vol. 361, no. 2-3, 20 March 1995 (1995-03-20), pages 299-302, XP002158813 abstract figure 2	13,22, 29,31, 34,36
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T	HE M ET AL.: "Structural modeling and site-directed mutagenesis of the actinorhodin beta-ketoacyl-acyl carrier protein synthase" JOURNAL OF BACTERIOLOGY, vol. 182, no. 9, May 2000 (2000-05), pages 2619-2623, XP002158821 abstract -----	12,16, 28,30, 33,35,38